

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Timothy K. Ford, et al.	§	Confirmation No. 4436
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Serial No.: 10/699807	§	Examiner: Vig, Naresh
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Filed: November 3, 2003	§	Art Unit: 3624
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	§	
COMPREHENSIVE REAL ESTATE	§	
TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT	§	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following with respect to the above-identified U.S. patent application:

**A Response to the Restriction Requirement** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

The following is a response without traverse to the Election/Restriction mailed December 1, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response is one month from the mailing date. This response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period and should therefore be considered timely. Claims 1 through 91 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

**Restriction Election**

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1 through 80 and 88, drawn to a system and method for managing real estate transaction by entering into a multiple listing service (MLS) information relating to a property involved, monitoring the progress of said real estate transaction; managing the post-closing activities related to said real estate transaction; information to a participant of said transaction can be delivered electronically; participant is notified when a transaction documents are modified; progress of real estate transactions are tracked, monitored and logged and participant is granted access to a transaction activity log, classed in class 705, subclass 1.

**Claim Election**

In accordance with the foregoing provisional elections, Claims 81 through 87 and claims 89 through 91 are hereby cancelled without prejudice and Applicant elects Claims 1 through 80 and 88 for examination. Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute the cancelled claims, including the right to include the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

The foregoing provisional election should satisfy the restriction requirement.

**Conclusion**

The Applicant has addressed all of the Examiner's election/restriction requirement. If any questions or issues remain in this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number noted below prior to issuing another Office Action.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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